

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A packaging system according to claim 17 for packaging a stack of sheet objects that have an attributable monetary value in a container, comprising:

(i) a packaging device, comprising:

means for determining first value data relating to a sheet object to be stacked in the container and

an RF reader/writer for writing said first value data to an RFID device;

(ii) at least one container configured to be filled with a stack of sheet objects by the packaging device;

(iii) a reusable RFID device disposable within the container;

(iv) a non-reusable closure member for providing a one-time seal for the container to confine the stack of sheet objects and the RFID device; and

(v) an unpacking device for removing sheet objects from the container and determining second value data relating to sheet objects removed from the container.

21. (original) A system according to claim 20, wherein the unpacking device comprises RF means for reading the first value data stored on the RFID device.

22. (currently amended) A system according to claim 21, comprising a first processing means having a first database for storing said first data value therein and a

second processing means having a second database for storing the first value data read from the RFID device and the second value data determined by the unpacking device.

23. (original) A system according to claim 22, comprising an alarm, wherein the second processing means is operable to compare said first value data to said second value data and to trigger the alarm in the event that the first value data is not reconciled with the second value data.

24. (original) A system according to claim 22, wherein the second processing means is operable to compare said first value data to said second value data and to control said RF means to delete the first value data from the RFID device in the event that the first value data is reconciled with the second value data.

25. (currently amended) A system according to claim 22, comprising display means for displaying the information stored in ~~the other~~ a database to a user.

26. (currently amended) A packaging system according to claim 17 for packaging a stack of sheet objects that have an attributable monetary value in a container, comprising:

(i) a packaging device, comprising:

means for determining first value data relating to a sheet object to be stacked in the container and

an RF reader/writer for writing said first value data to an RFID device;

(ii) at least one container configured to be filled with a stack of sheet objects by the packaging device;

(iii) a reusable RFID device disposable within the container;

(iv) a non-reusable closure member for providing a one-time seal for the container to confine the stack of sheet objects and the RFID device; and

(v) an RF detector for detecting the RFID device, wherein the RF detector is operable to write tracking information to the RFID device.

27. (currently amended) A system according to claim 26, further comprising a first processing means having a first database for storing said first value data therein, wherein the RF detector is operable to transmit said tracking information to the first processing means, and the first processing means is operable to store said tracking information in the first database in association with the first value data.

28. (previously presented) A system according to claim 26, further comprising a second processing means having a second database for storing the first value data read from the RFID device and the second value data determined by the unpacking device, wherein the RF detector is operable to transmit said tracking information to the second processing means, and the second processing means is operable to store said tracking information in the second database in association with the first value data.

29. (previously presented) A system according to claim 26, wherein the tracking information comprises the time and or the date when the RFID device is detected by the RF detector.

Claims 30-36 (canceled)

37. (previously presented) A method ~~according to claim 35 of~~
transporting sheet objects that have an attributable monetary value, the method
comprising:

determining first value data relating to a stack of sheet objects packaged in a
container;

writing said first value data to an RFID device associated with the container;

storing said first value data in a first database;

sealing the container with a non-reusable permanent closure member to securely
confine the stack of sheet objects packed in the container and the RFID device;

unpacking the stack of sheet objects from the container;

determining second value data relating to the stack of sheet objects;

reading the first value data from the RFID device;

removing the RFID device from the container for re-use; and

storing said first value data and said second value data in a second database.

38. (original) A method according to claim 37, comprising comparing the
first value data with the second value data and triggering an alarm in the event that the
first value data is not reconciled with the second value data.

39. (original) A method according to claim 37, comprising comparing the
first value data with the second value data and deleting the first value data from the RFID
device in the event that the first value data is reconciled with the second value data.

Claims 40-46 (canceled)

47. (currently amended) A packaging system according to claim 45 for packaging a stack of sheet objects that have an attributable monetary value in a container, comprising:

(i) a packaging device, comprising:

means for determining first value data relating to a sheet object to be stacked in the container and

an RF reader for reading identification information from an RFID device associated with a container;

(ii) at least one container configured to be filled with a stack of sheet objects by the packaging device;

(iii) a reusable RFID device disposable in the container;

(iv) at least one non-reusable closure member for providing a one-time seal to confine the stack of sheet objects and the RFID device;

(v) first processing means having a first database for storing identification information read from the RFID device in association with said first value data; and

(vi) an unpacking device for removing sheet objects from the container and determining second value data relating to sheet objects removed from the container.

48. (original) A system according to claim 47, wherein the unpacking device comprises RF means for reading the identification information stored on the RFID device.

49. (original) A system according to claim 48, comprising second processing means having a second database for storing the identification information read

from the RFID device in association with the second value data determined by the unpacking device.

50. (original) A system according to claim 49, comprising display means for displaying information stored in the second database to a user.

51. (previously presented) A system according to claim 49, wherein said second processing means is operable to send, across a network, a request signal to said first processing means, said request signal relating to the identification information read from the RFID device.

52. (original) A system according to claim 51, wherein the first processing means is operable to transmit data stored in the first database in association with the identification information, across a network, to the second processing means in response to receiving said request signal.

53. (original) A system according to claim 52, wherein the second processing means is operable to store data received from the first processing means in the second database in association with the identification information read from the RFID device.

Claims 54-66 (canceled)

67. (currently amended) A method ~~according to claim 63~~ of transporting sheet objects that have an attributable monetary value, the method comprising:
determining first value data relating to a stack of sheet objects packaged in a container;

reading identification information from a reusable RFID device associated with the container;

storing said identification information in a first database in association with said first value data;

sealing the RFID device inside the container with a non-reusable permanent closure member to provide a one-time seal to securely confine the RFID and the sheet objects until a new opening is broken into the container;

sensing the RFID device within a predetermined locality;

reading the identification information stored on the RFID device;

storing tracking information on the first database in association with the identification information;

unpacking the stack of sheet objects from the container;

determining second value data relating to the stack of sheet objects;

reading the identification information from the RFID device;

retrieving first value data associated with the identification information read from the RFID device from the first database; and

storing said first value data and said second value data in a second database in association with the identification information read from the RFID device.

68. (original) A method according to claim 67, comprising:

comparing said first value data with said second value data; and

triggering an alarm in the event that the first value data is not reconciled with the second value data.

69. (original) A method according to claim 68, comprising:
comparing said first value data with said second value data; and
deleting, from the first and/or the second database, data associated with the
identification information read from the RFID device, in the event that the first value data
is reconciled with the second value data.

Claims 70-71 (canceled)